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FROZEN COOKED DICED CHICKEN, INVITATION NO. 05, ANNOUNCEMENT PY-264

The U.S. Department of Agriculture invites offers to sell frozen cooked diced chicken meat produced from fowl as indicated below and per the Announcement for use in school lunch and other domestic food nutrition assistance programs. Offers are due by 12 noon, Central Time, Monday, Sept. 16. Acceptances will be announced by midnight, Friday, Sept. 20. Deliveries are to be made from Nov. 1 to Nov. 15.

Diced chicken purchased under this invitation must be produced from light fowl only. As announced by the Department on April 16, purchases of diced chicken produced from light fowl meat will continue to help alleviate economic pressures experienced by egg producers and help bring supplies more in balance with market demand. Product must be produced under the Commodity Specification for Frozen Cooked Diced Chicken dated June 2002; **however, the diced chicken must be produced from light fowl (4.5 pounds or less) meat.**

Offers are invited from the trade for frozen cooked diced chicken meat, produced from ready-to-cook fowl (a class of mature female chickens), packed in four 10-pound (4.54 kg) packages to a net weight of 40 pounds (18.14 kg) in each shipping container. A purchase unit will consist of 1,000 shipping containers totaling 40,000 pounds (18,144 kg).

As stated in the September 21 Notice to the Trade, all offers must be submitted electronically through the Domestic Electronic Bid Entry System (DEBES) website at <https://pcsd.usda.gov:3077/mdbc1000.exe?>. Offers submitted on and after October 1, 2001, by any means other than DEBES will be considered nonresponsive.

Bidders are cautioned to bid only quantities they can reasonably expect to produce and deliver in accordance with the contract. **Note that some item numbers and the associated quantities for frozen cooked diced chicken have been set-aside for small business concerns and are indicated by a single asterisk.** Shipping instructions will indicate quantity to be delivered to each point.

Inquiries about Announcement PY-264, Appendix-1, the Commodity Specification for Frozen Cooked Diced Chicken dated June 2002, or this Invitation should be directed to the Contracting Officer, USDA/AMS/Poultry Programs, Commodity Procurement Branch STOP 0260, 1400 Independence Ave., SW, Washington, D.C. 20250, telephone (202) 720-7693. An electronic version of this Invitation can be obtained through the World Wide Web via the Commodity Procurement Home Page at <http://www.ams.usda.gov/cp>.

Purchases of the commodities listed below will be made on a delivered basis, subject to Announcement PY-264, to the listed locations. Destination quantities are estimates and are subject to adjustment based on offerings, changes in recipient need, market conditions, and program operations. Delivery by mechanically refrigerated trucks or railcars is optional to the contractor, except for those destination(s) which specify delivery by truck only or rail only.

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INVITATION : 005
COMM GROUP : 22 CHICKEN, FROZEN
COMM TYPE : 21 CHICKEN, DICED, FROZEN
PACK SIZE : 40 40 LB CTN

ITEM NO	DESTINATION CITY	ST	TRANS RESTR	QUANTITY (LBS)
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DELIVERY PERIOD 11/01/02 - 11/15/02

001	CENTRAL ISLIP	NY	TRUCK ONLY	40,000
002	CHEEKTOWAGA	NY	TRUCK ONLY	40,000
003	MILTON	NY	TRUCK ONLY	40,000
004	PORT NEWARK	NJ		40,000 *
005	VINELAND	NJ		40,000
006	ALTOONA	PA	TRUCK ONLY	40,000
007	PHILADELPHIA	PA	TRUCK ONLY	28,000
	WILKES-BARRE	PA	TRUCK ONLY	12,000

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008	SUNBURY	PA	TRUCK ONLY	40,000 *
009	CHARLESTON	WV		40,000
010	CHATTANOOGA	TN	TRUCK ONLY	12,000
	CLEVELAND	GA	TRUCK ONLY	28,000
011	CREEDMOOR	NC	TRUCK ONLY	80,000
012	SALISBURY	NC	TRUCK ONLY	40,000 *
013	ALCOA	TN	TRUCK ONLY	30,000
	COOKEVILLE	TN	TRUCK ONLY	10,000
014	GRANITE CITY	IL		40,000 *
015	HARAHAN	LA		40,000 *
016	HOUSTON	TX	TRUCK ONLY	40,000
017	DENVER	CO	TRUCK ONLY	40,000
018	PUEBLO	CO	TRUCK ONLY	40,000
019	PUYALLUP	WA		40,000
020	SPOKANE	WA		20,000
	SEATTLE-WHSE	WA		20,000

TOTAL QUANTITY FOR COMMODITY TYPE 840,000

TOTAL QUANTITY FOR INVITATION 840,000

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Contracting Officer

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